

**Work Session Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2018**

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

**Councilmembers Present:** Dan Mandolesi, intern President, Mayor Mahon, Judy Coleman, Doug Edge, Mallory Menta, Nick Lodise and Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council Person

**Councilmember's Absent:** Thomas Wheeler, President and Harris Doug

**Other's in Attendance:** Solicitor Robert DeBias and Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

**Guests in Attendance:** Walter Bloom, Denny Electric

**Call to Order:** Mr. Mandolesi called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mahon just came from the hospital where Mr. Wheeler was admitted late this afternoon. He suffered a heart attack which required immediate surgery. He is expected to make a full recovery; however, he will be spending at least three days in the hospital and at least four weeks at home recovering.

**Rescinding Resignation:** Mallory Menta submitted a letter to council rescinding her resignation from council. She will continue to serve as council member, however she will not be able to participate in the number of committees she served on in the past.

**Public Comment:** none

**Denny Electric:** Mr. Bloom came to explain the difference between various LED lights available on the market today. Mr. Bloom demonstrated the difference in light color. The new LED lights offer a range of color from warm to cool. Most older towns prefer the warmer color and he recommended 3000 Kelvin. The lights also come with light shields to help direct the light. The light that LED provides is crisper and will not only reduce the electric bill but also maintenance costs. LED lights also do not attract as many bugs as traditional lighting does. Denny Electric provides a 10-year warranty on their LED lights. Mr. Bloom also made council aware that the LED light fixtures offer many more features besides lighting. They are now high tech and can be used to provide a multitude of functions. Council may not be ready at this point for the added features, however they should purchase fixtures that could be upgraded in the future. He also recommended making a new inventory of the wattage of all the lights to submit to PECO. PECO will use that information to recalculate the borough's monthly electric usage. The blue light from LED lights was a concern when the LED lights first came out, however it has been addressed and is no longer a concern. Mr. Bloom recommends using 35-watt LED bulbs in residential areas and 70-watt LED bulbs at intersections.

**Mayor:**

- William Penn Fire Company Banquet - Mayor Mahon apologized to Chief Juno for failing to make him aware of the invitation that arrived from the William Penn Fire Company. Council received one invitation which was discussed at a meeting in which Chief Juno was absent.
- Batteries - Chief Juno stated that he needs to order two new batteries for the hand-held radios.

**Motion made by Ms. Menta seconded by Mr. Lodise to allow Chief Juno to purchase two new batteries for the hand-held Motorola radios not to exceed \$400; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.**

- Earth Day – Mayor Mahon announced that the Earth Day event this year will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm at Core Creek Park. Set up time will be at 10am.
- Communication via Memo – Mayor Mahon moving forward would like to have all her communications with Chief Juno in memo format. Ms. Mahon believes that this will assist in better communication between her and the police department.

**Jr. Council Member:** Ms. Omietanski reached out to the teachers in charge of the National Honors Society at Neshaminy High School to make them aware of the volunteer opportunity available to their students. Ms. Omietanski emailed the teachers information regarding the Earth Day event at Core Creek Park and the teachers responded that they will forward the information to all their students.

**MS4:**

- Mayor Mahon is currently working on public outreach letters for the existing permit year.
- Mayor Mahon is looking to get updated business names and contact information.
- Mayor Mahon is working on the spring newsletter.

**TMDL / BMP's:** Permit year 2018-2022

- TMDL No1: encouraged riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage storm water control measures
- TMDL No 3: installation of 2 deciduous trees in open space or within the borough proper
- TMDL No 4: reduce infiltration
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: encouraged home owners to install rain barrels
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
  - Continued with the 4 leaf pick-ups through the fall/winter season
  - Sump Pump inspection enforcement

**Floodplain:**

- For all residents in and out of floodplain, contact information is being added to the newsletter to assist residents and business owners on practices during weather events.

- The Water Street FRIM concerns have not yet been answered. FEMA forwarded Mayor Mahan's questions to PEMA for answers through the hazard mitigation grants.

### **Storm Water:**

- Ms. Mahon is requesting updates for any new residents that have moved into our town as storm water affects us all and not just those that live in floodplain.
- Michelle Court/Hopewell Lane – Mayor Mahon is still working on the issues involving Michelle Court/Hopewell Lane. Documents pertaining to the issue are at Mr. Wheelers home so until he is well the project will be on hold.

Note Mayor Mahon left the meeting to attend to persona business.

### **Water and Sewer:**

- Meeting April 23, 2018 – The next authority meeting will be on April 23 at 7pm. The committee will be discussing customer delinquencies and termination of services. Mr. DeBias is encouraged council members to attend the meeting.
- New Committee Members – Joseph and Minnie Nocito have submitted letters requesting to be appointed to the Water Authority board.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Ms. Menta to appoint Joseph and Minnie Nocito as members of the Water Authority board; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.**

### **Zoning Report:**

- Mr. Mandolesi read a report submitted by Ms. Juno. Ms. Juno had phone and email correspondences with Mr. Patel at 404 Main Street regarding cease and desist for work without a permit, Mayor Mahon regarding a storm water meeting and unknown resident reporting issues at 342 Main Street. Ms. Juno attended a storm water meeting at Borough Hall. She worked a total of 5.50 hours.

### **Borough Property:**

- Playground – The Eagle Scout started work on the playground last Saturday.
- Heater – Mr. Mandolesi is working on getting the heating unit ready for inspection.

### **Trash:**

- Recycle Issue – Last week recycles were not picked up on McCarthy and Bellevue Ave. A suggestion was made to highlight Republic's contact name and number for trash issues in the Borough newsletter, so the community can be made more aware who to contact when there is a problem.

### **Solicitor Report:**

- Breathing Apparatus – The William Penn Fire Company has purchased breathing apparatus for \$215,871.83. Mr. DeBias will submit their request for payment in the amount of \$175,000.00 from the RDA.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Ms. Menta to submit a request for payment to the RDA in the amount of \$175,000.00; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.**

- Main Street Sidewalk Repair – Mr. Canales submitted his proposal for engineering work relative to repairs to the sidewalk on Main Street. His total cost came to \$49,400.00. Most of the cost is paid to complete and file applications to government agencies such as PennDot, PSC, DEP etc.; Very little is actual engineering cost. Mr. Canales also estimated that the construction costs would be between \$60,000 and \$90,000. Mr. Mandolesi explained that if the borough just made repairs to the damaged area without making any structural changes CVA told him they would charge the borough \$20,000 to complete the work. The issue with the area involves the pipping. The foundation is good, but the piping is not correct. In order to correct the piping many governmental agencies need to be involved, which increases the cost. The issue is not in the roadway so the cost cannot be taken from highway aid. If the borough gets a grant to complete the work, grants do not cover engineering costs. Mr. Edge suggested council place a sheet of metal across the damaged area. Mr. Mandolesi will call CVA and to ascertain if they can lay a heavy mat across the area. Council agrees that they need to spend more time researching their options for repairs and see if there are any options for lowering the costs. In the meantime, Mr. Lodise will caution off the area, and put up no parking signs in front of the area.
- Fireworks – Mr. DeBias distributed the new rules of use regarding fireworks. You must be 18 years of age to set them off. You cannot set fireworks off on private property without express permission from the owner, you cannot throw fireworks out of a car or building, you cannot throw fireworks into a car or building and fireworks cannot be set off within 150 feet of an occupied structure. Fireworks can only be sold in commercial areas not residential areas. Mr. Edge suggested council post the rules of use on the website. Ms. Menta will contact Bill Wheeler regarding this matter.
- Bills – Mr. DeBias reminded council on April 2, 2018 members of council voted to pay the bills without a quorum, and asked that council ratify the payments.

**Motion made by Mr. Edge seconded by Mr. Lodise to ratify to pay the bills at the next council meeting; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0. (note Ms. Menta was out of the room when the vote was taken but came back in and added her vote)**

- LED Lights – Mr. DeBias recommended that council add wattage conversion to the LED wattage on the bid list. Mr. Edge asked Chief Juno if there are any streets that he would like to see with higher level of lighting. Chief Juno suggested council increase the wattage of the lights on Hulme, Beaver and Water Streets.
- Lateral Inspections – Mr. DeBias made council aware that Penndel adopted a mandatory sewer lateral program when residents sell their home. They need to complete the

inspection in order to receive their use and occupancy. Mr. DeBias will forward information on the inspections to Ms. Menta.

**Correspondence:**

- ATT – Ms. Omietanski informed council that ATT had to revise the price of phone service for the borough. In order to have 6 mailboxes ATT will need to assign the borough 6 phone numbers. The new bill will be \$104.89 with a 36-month contract, which is still lower than Verizon. Ms. Omietanski also called Verizon and they were only willing to lower the monthly bill by \$1-2 with 24-month contract. Before Ms. Omietanski can proceed two router lines need to be run into the police station. In order for the air card to work the police department will need a static ID. Chief Juno informed council that in order to receive the static ID they may need to purchase their own router. Chief Juno has reached out to Joe McKairnes for his assistance in this matter. Chief Juno also informed council that security is a big concern of his and he believes his email address has been compromised. Council feels that it may be time to hire a professional consultant to assist with the computer and security matters. Council suggested Chief Juno speak to the police chief in Langhorne Manor to find out who they use for tech support.

**Old Business:**

- Johnson Hall – The new owner of Johnson Hall was at the Meet and Greet on Sunday and was distributing information regarding his plans for the building. He is looking for businesses, and units will become available for rent starting June 1, 2018. Anyone who is interested can contact Alex Covrljan at 267-973-4348 or at [covrljan@yahoo.com](mailto:covrljan@yahoo.com). Ms. Coleman spoke to Mr. Covrljan regarding a tour of the building for council. Ms. Coleman will reach out to the owners and schedule a tour to take place before an upcoming council meeting.
- Neshaminy Shore Club – Council requested that Ms. Omietanski contact Berkheimer regarding the audit council requested on Neshaminy Shore Club.
- June Meeting – Mr. Edge and Ms. Coleman will not be at the June meeting.
- Shred Event – Tina Davis is hosting a shred event on May 12 from 9-11 at her New Falls Rd office. You can bring up to 5 boxes or bags. Mr. Mandolesi will take the borough's documents that are located in the plastic tubs next to the shredder to the event.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Edge.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary